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**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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As a below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

**TYPE OF DECLARATION**

This declaration is of the following type: (check one applicable item below)

- ☒ original
- ☐ design
- ☐ supplemental

*NOTE: If the declaration is for an International Application being filed as a divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application do not check next item; check appropriate one of last three items.*

- ☐ national stage of PCT

*NOTE: If one of the following 3 items apply then complete and also attach ADDED PAGES FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR CIP.*

- ☐ divisional
- ☐ continuation
- ☐ continuation-in-part (CIP)

**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

*WARNING: If the inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims an explanation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.*

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**TITLE OF INVENTION**

**TOP ENTRY SUB ARRANGEMENT**

## SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

the specification of which: *(complete (a), (b) or (c))*

(a) ☒ is attached hereto.

(b) ☐ was filed on as ☐ Serial No. 0 / \_\_\_\_\_ or ☐ Express Mail No.,  
as Serial No. not yet known \_\_\_\_\_ and was  
amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

NOTE: Amendments filed after the original papers are deposited with the PTO which contain new matter are not accorded a filing date by being referred to in the declaration. Accordingly, the amendments involved are those filed with the application papers or, in the case of a supplemental declaration, are those amendments claiming matter not encompassed in the original statement of invention or claims. See 37 CFR 167.

(c) ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT  
Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations. § 1.56(a).

☒ In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.97.

## PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

*(complete (d) or (e))*

(d) ☒ no such applications have been filed.

(e) ☐ such applications have been filed as follows.

NOTE: Where item (c) is entered above and the International Application which designated the U.S. claimed priority check item (e), enter the details below and make the priority claim.

**EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS  
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 37 USC 119
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**ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS  
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**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. (*List name and registration number*)

JACK W. HAYDEN, Registration No. 16,001

(*check the following item, if applicable*)

- ☐ Attached as part of this declaration and power of attorney is the authorization of the above-named attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from my representative(s) .

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## DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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- ☐ Signature for third and subsequent joint inventors. Number of pages added \_\_\_\_\_.
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- ☐ Added pages to combined declaration and power of attorney for divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part (CIP) application.
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**If no further pages form a part of this Declaration then end this Declaration with this page and check the following item.**

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Applicant or Patentee: CHARLES M. HELMS and CHARLES W. BLEIFELD  
Serial or Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Filed or Issued: \_\_\_\_\_  
For: TOP ENTRY SUB ARRANGEMENT

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)—INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41 (a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled TOP ENTRY SUB ARRANGEMENT described in

- ☒ the specification filed herewith.  
☐ application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

- ☐ no such person, concern or organization  
☒ person, concern or organization listed below\*

*\*NOTE Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR § 1.27)*

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Charles M. Helms  
Signature of Inventor

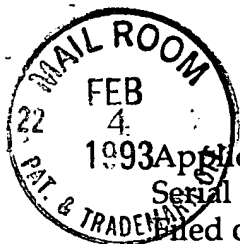
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) BY A NON-INVENTOR  
SUPPORTING A CLAIM BY ANOTHER FOR SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

I hereby declare that I am making this verified statement to support a claim by Charles M. Helms and Charles V. Bleifeld for small entity status for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, with regard to the invention entitled TOP ENTRY SUB ARRANGEMENT by inventor(s) CHARLES M. HELMS AND CHARLES W. BLEIFELD described in

- ☒ the specification filed herewith.  
☐ application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby declare that I would qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, if I had made the above identified invention.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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